FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year): May 2008

Assessor's Number	USGS Quad	Area(s)	Form Number
50/40	Boston North		

Town: Lexington

Place: (neighborhood or village)

Address: 3 Audubon Road

Historic Name: Robinson House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source: directories

Style/Form: Craftsman

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

 ${\bf Outbuildings/Secondary\ Structures:}$

garage

Major Alterations (with dates): Date? – new windows, porch posts?

Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | Date _____

Acreage: 0.30 acre

Setting: residential neighborhood

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

3 AUDUBON ROAD

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220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston Massachusetts 0212	.5

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If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The 2 ½-story, gablefront house at 3 Audubon Road is a simple variation on the Craftsman style, displaying a wood-shingled exterior, projecting bargeboard and overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails on the lateral eaves. The porch is fronted by a single-story porch supported by square (replacement?) posts with a smaller shed-roofed porch with thinner posts on the north side which retains its original glass-and-panel door. With the exception of the pair of double-hung 6/1 windows lighting the attic all of the original windows have been replaced by 1/1 sash which are present in a mix of individual and paired units with a single-story, three-sided bay window projecting from the south elevation.

The driveway extending to the north of the house terminates at a wood-shingled garage with two modern overhead doors on the gablefront and exposed rafter tails on the side elevations.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This property stands on part of the land subdivided by Augustus Scott (see 277 Waltham Street, MHC #461) in 1903. The first known owner was Alfred Robinson of the Breck-Robinson Nursery, who was living here in 1915. By 1918 it was owned by his son, Vernon, who lived here with his bride Irene. Vernon was the proprietor of a trucking business and the couple was still living here in the early 1940s.

The house was later inherited by Helen Kirk who sold it to Juanita and Will Soghikan in 1972. Later owners included Michael and Luisa Fertitta who owned it from 1977 until 1988 when it was purchased by the present owner, Arthur Lewbel.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1906 map Middlesex County Register of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass. – Plan Book 158, Plan 10 Town Directories. U.S. Census, various years.